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Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C.

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE, TO ACCOMPANY  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Dear Sir:

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for telephone conferences during prosecution of the above-referenced patent application. In reply to the advisory action of February 5, 2003, Applicants offer the following amendments and remarks, to accompany the enclosed Request for Continued Examination. In addition, this amendment has been formatted according to the revised amendment format that the United States Patent and Trademark Office expects to adopt for 37 CFR 1.121 (Manner of Making Amendments), per the January 13, 2003 "Pre-OG Notice" posted on the website for the United States Patent and Trademark Office by Steven Kunin, Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy.

Prior to issuing an Office Action on the accompanying Request for Continued Examination in the above-referenced patent application, other than a Notice of Allowance, Applicants seek an interview with Examiner Peter Paras, Jr. and Primary Examiner Michael Wilson